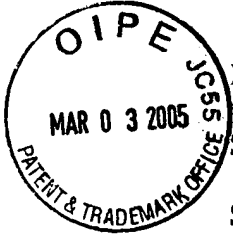


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I, Stanton J. Taylor, declare and state as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter presently claimed in the above-identified application.

2. I am one of the listed authors of the book by Mark Goodyear et al., entitled "Netcentric and Client/Server Computing – A Practical Guide" (hereinafter "Goodyear"), which was published by Auerbach Publishing.

3. I am the author of at least Chapter 17 (pages 17-1 through 17-53) entitled "Overview of Data and Process Distribution," and Chapter 18 (pages 18-1 through 18-32) entitled "Finalizing the Distribution Strategy" in Goodyear.

4. The subject matter claimed in the present application that is described in at least Chapters 17 and 18 of Goodyear is my own work, and not that of others.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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